21st December, 1905

Dear Mr. Munro,

I am sending you to-day a "Philadelphia," to follow the "Boston;" and have kept it a Philadelphia pure and simple for the same reason that I so kept the Boston. May a patient reception await it, in spite of its being, I blush to say, a little longer than I meant. I meant to keep it down to 45 typed pages, and it makes nearly fifty (though the number is higher, three or four are out.) A "Washington" pure and simple is shortly to follow.

I cabled you at once, after your last, my hope that you would use and divide "N. Y., Social Notes," and I trust you have been able to do so conveniently, with a workable division. Also that the first part may be in the January Review; though I have not yet heard of the arrival in London of the proof, of this thing that you were sending. They may easily have come, however, as I hope, without my knowledge. I also cabled you about the Sherman statue matter -- as to which you must let me say that I think you were (for my interpretation of it etc.) over-anxious. I assume I understood your cable rightly --that the passage was to stand; but I felt, myself, that there was no aberration at all in my remarks. The custom of representing great blood-drenched Generals as symbols, and with the attributes,

of Peace is exactly what I was moved to reflect on; being meanwhile,

as it seemed to me, very handsome and civil about the thing, and

about dear Saint-Gaudens, altogether!   But all's well that ends

well!   I send you all the compliments of the season and all good

wishes for the coming yesr.

Yours very truly

Henry James

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